



## Zion Lutheran Church and School

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To the families and friends of Zion Lutheran Church and School:

Our annual ZLS Dinner Auction is just around the corner, and if you have not yet purchased your ticket to attend, I want to invite you to be a part of this amazing night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising for our school. This auction raises about \$65,000 a year, and every dollar comes right back into our school to benefit our students. I know that you, the dedicated and committed families and friends of ZLS, want to be a part of this. Please allow me to explain why...

In 2018, we announced a Fund-A-Need project bigger and more ambitious than ever before - air conditioning for the gymnasium - and a fundraising goal of \$90,000, and that night our friends and families donated \$25,475 to the project. It was more money than a fund-a-need had ever brought in. In the fall of 2018, an awesome group of parent volunteers organized the Fun Run toward the AC project, which brought in an additional \$18,344, and we were well on our way to making this dream a reality. At last year's auction, we came to our friends and families again, knowing that this project felt endless, and you all responded with an overwhelming \$29,050!! We were amazed and inspired by the outpouring of generosity and support for our school, and we rolled that right into the 2019 Fun Run, which dared to ask for the remaining funds for the project, and all of you answered the call with \$18,000, bringing us to a grand, 2-year total of \$90,869!! Friends and families of Zion: MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! What you all have done in just two short years is so unbelievable that a "Thank you" just doesn't seem like enough. We are



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overwhelmed with gratitude for the generosity and support of our fundraising volunteers and our donors.

The next steps for this project are in progress with blueprints being drawn up (which we plan to share with you at this year's auction), work contracts being drafted and signed this week, and a projected start date of June 1st (so student routines are not disrupted). We will keep you posted on each step of this project so we can celebrate with you - the people who made this possible through prayer and giving, so stay tuned!

A project of this magnitude makes us hopeful and excited as we approach this year's auction. We have seen the Lord at work through the generous giving of the volunteers, the auction attendees, and faithful servants of Zion Lutheran Church and School, and I am confident and excited that He will do again this year to help Zion continue its mission and ministry to our students. With our most recent fund-a-need mission accomplished, our 2020 Fund-A-Need project will focus on another way of upgrading and improving our school for the benefit of the students, your children.

Please be a part of this great event where we celebrate our school, our students, our staff, and our families, as we watch God at work in our community. Tickets can be purchased online at [zionschoolbelleville.org](http://zionschoolbelleville.org) and [zionbelleville.org](http://zionbelleville.org) and this year's auction is Saturday, March 21st. I hope to see you all there!

In His Service,

Mrs. Ananda Baron, principal